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Oswald's Income/ Income Tax, CD 107:37-9

As you may recall from WHITEWASH, Oswald's finances have interested me from the first, for it is not possible to account for more than $400 in his possession, aside from what he may have had in his pocket, as of the time of his Marine's discharge.

Some time in the past I sought access to his income-tax returns. They were then (and I presume still are) classified, although this need not have been the case ~~inx~~ and is not always.

But I remain with nothing more than suspicions, no proof he had any greater income that alleged, even though all his expenses are not tabulated in the official accountings.

I haven't had time for separate comment, but Jim's list of Latin names is potentially very valuable. It is an enormous work. Please thank him for taking the time and doing that kind of thankless job. If he gets any inquiries about any of the names, I may be able to help him. I'll read it before I file it, but I have, as of now, merely glanced at it. The kind of thing where I may be able to be helpful to others is when I see the name Arensberg, as I did. She is CIA, as is her group (O in N.O.). I also have unpublished information on them. It may never interest anyone else, but if it does, I have it. Had some busy little bees not been engaged in a turning-off job, one of my younger correspondents would have carried some of this further forward for me. There also remains the possibility this is the group to which Shaw gave office space in the old ITM, something Alcock abandoned in mid-question while interrogating Shaw's former secretary and never asked him about. Also, with no consulate in the ITM, it may have figured in LHO's thinking in picking that place to picket on camera, the one place he went with advance notice to the press/TV.

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than his known employments or his unemployment benefits.

No current bank accounts, safe deposit boxes, or other places for maintaining funds have been located. The only previous bank account located was a savings account which was opened by him at the West Side State Bank in Fort Worth, Texas, on December 8, 1958, with an initial deposit of $200. Three dollars in interest was credited to his account on June 3, 1959. The account was closed on September 14, 1959, with a withdrawal of $203.

In connection with the Oswalds' plans to return to the Soviet Union, Marina Oswald, on February 17, 1963, had written to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., and requested financial assistance.

C. Internal Revenue Service Records

Records of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) contain the following information concerning Oswald for the period 1955-1962:

Oswald's 1955 income tax return has been destroyed but IRS records show that Oswald, 126 Exchange Place, New Orleans, filed a 1955 tax return and received a refund of $41.80.

His 1956 income tax return, which bears the date February 7, 1957, listed a total income of $772.46 derived

from following employments:

Pfisterer Dental Laboratory Company	New Orleans, Louisiana	$612.00
Gerard F. Tujague	New Orleans, Louisiana	$ 80.46
J. R. Michels, Jr.	New Orleans, Louisiana	$ 80.00

He listed a total tax of $81.70 withheld from these earnings and requested that $64.70 be refunded to him. He claimed one exemption (himself).

Oswald's 1958 income tax return, dated February 11, 1959, shows a total income of $980.09, all derived from the United States Marine Corps. He claimed only himself as an exemption.

His 1962 income tax return dated January 29 (no year is shown) listed a total income of $1354.06 received as follows:

Jaggers-Chiles-Stoval_		$727.81
Leslie Welding Company	Fort Worth, Texas	$626.25

On this return, he claimed three exemptions and showed that a $57.40 withholding tax had been deducted from his wages. Attached to his 1962 return is an undated letter as follows:

"Internal Revenue Beaure

"Dear Sirs,

"I arrived in the U. S. from an extended trip abroad on 13/6/62. with wife & child, i. e., two dependents. My total wages for 1962 therefore was $1356.06. with 3. examtions.

"I believe if you check your records to substanate these figures you will find I should get a substantial refund from the taxes taken from my wages for fiscal 1962."

"L. H. Oswald, S/S No 433-54-3739, P. O. Box 2915 Dallas, Texas."

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